

GRISWOLD LINEAGE

"That the generations to come might know them."

- Psalms xxxviii:6

"Michael Griswold came to New England; mason by trade and yeoman in rank. Owned lands in Wethersfield as early as 1640. Was the only freeman by the name in Wethersfield in 1659. Served as constable, assessor and appraiser of land. Had confidence of neighbors, a steady individual, content to ply his trade yet ever ready to assist in community welfare. Wife's name was Ann, no further knowledge of her.

"Thomas 2, born Wethersfield, Conn., October 22, 1646, married November 28, 1672, Mary Howard, daughter of Henry and Sarah Stone Howard, who died October 29, 1718, at 71. Thomas was surveyor, constable. He died October 28, 1718." (The Griswold Family-Eng.-Am. p166,v2)

"Samuel Griswold 3, born Wethersfield, Conn., December 15, 1684, married in Wethersfield, March 11, 1708, Mary Francis, born May 26, 1689, daughter of Sgt. John and Marcy Chittenden Francis. Samuel removed to Guilford about 1695. Owned a farm in Black Rock district.

"John Griswold 4, born June 23, 1721. In will of Samuel he bequeathed to son John part of land lying in Killingworth bounds and adjoining said river on western side." (The G.F. in E.&A. p 181v2)

"John Griswold 5, served in the Revolutionary War. In 1777, four months with Capt. Murray and Col. Williams and with Capt. Catlin. He removed to Bristol, Schoharie County, N.Y. He lived there about five years, then to Canaan, Wayne County, Pa." (Gris. Fam. v 3, p206)

"Among the citizens of Milton should be mentioned one of the Revolutionary soldiers of the village - John Griswold, whom Elizabeth Buel in her lecture to the Litchfield Scientific Association on the industries of Litchfield describes as the maker of the first model of an 'iron Monitor'. This he tested out on Milton Pond so that it cannot have been very large. He never did anything with this invention and heard of Ericson's earliest experiments with an iron turreted ship only two days before he died, Dec. 22, 1847." (H. of Litchfield p 190)

"In the fall of 1813, John Griswold Sr., and some of his family came from Torrey lake, and put up a log-cabin on land adjoining that of Rufus Grinnell, and in January following, moved his family down on an ox-sled." (History of Wayne Co., Pa. p 325)

"Francis 6, and Jane Loomis Griswold^{sc 16} in Clinton Twp., Wayne County, Pa. The Census of 1840 shows self, wife, 4 sons, 4 daughters. Their children:

1. Louis b Jan. 31, 1822; d Jan. 6, 1832
2. Alvin b Apr. 22, 1824; d Sept. 1849
3. Laura b July 7, 1826
4. Louisa b Nov. 2, 1828
5. Nathan b March 31, 1832
6. Homer b March 14, 1835." (Huntington, Mass. Records- N.E.Pa. Biog. - Beers-1886)